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SUBJ: ZAMBIA DECIDES TO SHIP STRANDED MOMBASA CARGO THROUGH
DAR ES SALAAM

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 0022 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. DAR ES SALAAM NEWS PAPERS FINAL WEEK OF JANUARY CARRIED
NEW STORIES REPORTING DECISION TO SHIP BY SEA ALL ZAMBIAN
CARGOS HELD IN MOMBASA (SEE REFTTEL) TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR
ONWARD MOVEMENT TO ZAMBIA. (ONE ARTICLE SUGGESTED SHIPMENT
TO MOZAMBIQUE AND SOME CARGO MAY GO THERE.) RE-ROUTING DECISION
ANNOUNCED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT TO KENYA AND TANZANIA BY
ZAMBIA MINISTER FOR CONTINGENCY AFFAIRS MWALE. INCREASED
COST OF SHIPPING BY ROAD FROM MOMBASA (FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION
OF TANGOV RESTRICTION TO LIMIT TRUCKS WEIGHING IN OVER
18.75 TONS FROM USING NORTHERN ROADS IN TANZANIA WHICH CONNECT
WITH TANZAM HIGHWAY) AND HIGH COST AND DELAYS IN USING RAIL
SERVICES TO NEAREST EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS/TANZAM ROAD JUNCTION, CAUSED
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DECISION TO FALL IN FAVOR OF BRINGING CARGOS STRANDED IN MOMBASA DOWN BY WATER. ALSO ZAMBIA HAS STAFF IN DAR PORT TO HANDLE CUSTOMS AND FORWARDING ARRANGMENTS. ONE NEWS ITEM REPORTS 37,000 TONS OF ZAMBIAN CARGO IN MOMBASA WAITING ONWARD SHIPMENT AND NOTED SOME OF IT STARTING TO MOVE SOUTH. ONE SHIPMENT OF 217 TONS ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM FROM MOMBASA BEGINNING OF WEEK AND ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF 500 TONS ARRIVING END OF WEEK.

2. COMMENT: DECISION TO MOVE ZAMBIAN CARGO IN MOMBASA DOWN TO DAR ES SALAAM IS SENSIBLE ONE BUT ONE THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKLY. ONE EUROPEAN SHIPPING AGENT POINTED OUT THAT THE CARGOS WILL BE MOVED USING COASTAL SHIPPING RATE SCHEDULE. CONFERENCE LINES NOT INTERESTED IN MOVING CARGO AT THOSE RATES AND HE PREDICTS MOST OF IT WILL ARRIVE IN BITS AND PIECES ABOARD SMALL "COASTERS". ALTHOUGH THIS CANNOT BUT CAUSE PORTIONS OF SHIPMENTS TO BE DELAYED OR GO ASTRAY, THESE SMALLER SHIPS CAN BE BERTHED AT SHALLOW-DRAFT BERTHS ELSEWHERE IN HARBOR AND FREE DEEP-WATER BERTHS HERE FOR SHIPS ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS.
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